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TO: Qualifiers of Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression Firms

FROM: Erin St. Pierre
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RE: **Support Services Division Memorandum 1-2019**
Enforcement of Qualifier Certifications for Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression Firms; Licensing Section Memo 2-2017; **AND**
FPC Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression System Certification opportunity, June 5 – 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, LA

On July 26, 2017, the Life Safety and Property Protection Advisory Board (now the LSPP "Education Board") approved an additional certification option for qualifiers of firms that currently hold or wish to obtain a pre-engineered fire suppression endorsement.¹ This was communicated in Licensing Section Memo 2-2017.

Per this approval, **qualifiers of firms holding the pre-engineered fire suppression endorsement are now required to obtain one (1) of the following certifications:**

1. NICET 2 Certification (or higher) in Special Hazards Suppression Systems or previous Special Hazards Layout; or
2. Professional Engineer with a Mechanical or Fire Protection Endorsement; or
3. Fire Protection Certification (FPC) Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression System Certification

In addition, the Board also, at that time, established an **enforcement date of January 1, 2019 by which qualifiers must obtain one of the aforementioned certifications.**

¹ <http://lasfm.org/doc/lic/memo2-17.pdf>

It is the understanding of this Office that many firms currently holding the pre-engineered fire suppression endorsement have not obtained one of the required certifications by the January 1, 2019 date established by the Board.

As a result, this Office will be conducting a review of all qualifiers of firms holding the pre-engineered fire suppression endorsement on or about July 1, 2019 to ensure compliance with the January 1, 2019 effective date. Anyone who has not obtained the required certification at the time of that review, his or her license will be subject to immediate suspension and he or she will no longer be authorized to perform the certification, inspection, installation, integration, and servicing of pre-engineered fire suppression systems.

Additionally, a license revision will be required, downgrading the firm endorsement to only activities permitting the performing of certifying, inspecting, installing, integrating, and servicing of specific fire suppressions systems designed to protect appliances within commercial cooking operations (i.e., Kitchen Fixed Fire Suppression Endorsement). It is the intention of this Office to assist firms in facilitating the acquisition of a requisite certification or the license revision for your firm to the lower endorsement.

For firms which lack the appropriate certification, **FPC has scheduled its Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression System Certification course for June 5 - 7, 2019, in Baton Rouge.** For more information, qualifiers are encouraged to call 888-670-2965 or email info@fpcltd.com to request course information and a registration form. (Note: the FPC certificate must have "Louisiana Firm Qualifier on Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression Systems Certification" printed thereon).

Please contact Karen Scott or Linda Luneau at 225-925-7047 for assistance or questions.

cc: Life Safety and Security Association
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